

AMENDMENTS IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 14-21. Please add claims 22-27, as indicated in the complete listing of the claims is given below:

1. (original) A method for growing a doped glass film on a surface of a substrate comprising the step of:

reacting a dopant precursor compound of the formula $(R_3SiO)_jM(OR')_k$ to deposit a doped glass film on the surface of the substrate;

wherein M is Ti or Zr; R is an alkyl moiety; R' is an alkyl moiety; j is 1, 2, 3 or 4; and $k=4-j$.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein R is selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl and propyl; and R' is selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, *n*-propyl, isopropyl, *n*-butyl, isobutyl, *t*-butyl and *s*-butyl.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the reacting step occurs at the surface of the substrate.

4. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein the reacting step is performed using a CVD process.

5. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein the CVD process is an inside vapor deposition process or an outside vapor deposition process.

6. (original) The method of claim 5 wherein the reacting step is performed using a PECVD process.

7. (original) The method of claim 3 wherein the doped glass film is substantially condensed upon deposition.

8. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the reacting step does not occur at the surface of the substrate.

9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein the reacting step is performed using a flame hydrolysis deposition process.
10. (original) The method of claim 9 wherein the doped glass film deposited in the reacting step is a layer of doped glass soot particles, and wherein the method further comprises the step of consolidating the soot particles to a homogeneous doped glass film by heat treatment.
11. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein a silica precursor is reacted with the dopant precursor.
12. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein the silica forming substance is selected from the group consisting of tetraethoxysilane, silane, disilane, tetramethylsilane, trimethylsilane, dimethylsilane, methylsilane, tetraaminosilane, triaminosilane, diaminosilane, aminosilane, tetrakis(diethylamino)silane, octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane, tetramethylcyclotetrasiloxane and diacetoxydi-*s*-butoxysilane.
13. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the organometallic compound is chosen from the group consisting of tetrakis(trimethylsiloxy)titanium, tetrakis(trimethylsiloxy)zirconium, tris(trimethylsiloxy)isopropoxytitanium, tris(trimethylsiloxy)isopropoxyzirconium, bis(trimethylsiloxy)diisopropoxytitanium, bis(trimethylsiloxy)diisopropoxyzirconium, (trimethylsiloxy)triisopropoxytitanium, and (trimethylsiloxy)triisopropoxyzirconium.
- 14-21. (canceled)
22. (new claim) The method of claim 1, wherein the doped glass film has a Si:M ratio of greater than 4:1.
23. (new claim) The method of claim 1, wherein the doped glass film has a Si:M ratio of less than 4:1.
24. (new claim) The method of claim 1, wherein *j* is 1, 2, or 3.

25. (new claim) The method of claim 1, wherein j is 4.
26. (new claim) A method of making a planar waveguide comprising the steps of:
- reacting a dopant precursor compound of the formula $(R_3SiO)_jM(OR')_k$ to deposit a doped glass film on the surface of a substrate, wherein M is Ti or Zr; R is an alkyl moiety; R' is an alkyl moiety; j is 1, 2, 3 or 4; and $k=4-j$; and
 - using photolithographic techniques to form the planar waveguide from the doped glass film.
27. (new claim) A method of making an optical fiber comprising the steps of:
- making an optical fiber preform by reacting a dopant precursor compound of the formula $(R_3SiO)_jM(OR')_k$ to deposit a doped glass film on the surface of a substrate, wherein M is Ti or Zr; R is an alkyl moiety; R' is an alkyl moiety; j is 1, 2, 3 or 4; and $k=4-j$; and
 - drawing the optical fiber preform into an optical fiber.